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## **Amani Block by Block recognized with Mayor's Design Award**

**Statement of Alderman Khalif J. Rainey  
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Last week the recipients for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Mayor's Design Awards were announced, and Amani Block by Block in the 7<sup>th</sup> Aldermanic District was recognized for their efforts in the neighborhood.

Amani Block by Block was recognized under the neighborhood renaissance category, which seeks to highlight projects that have added value to the city by providing new or improved options for neighborhood housing, or by adding or improving cultural, educational, or other community amenities that strengthen neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life for residents.

The Amani Block by Block program has done just that. Launched in 2019, this grassroots initiative works to engage residents and support them through the home improvement process by accessing City programs and utilizing additional dollars available to repair their homes. In addition to home repairs, this program is also building a stronger sense of unity and empowerment within the neighborhood, something that can't be understated.

I want to thank all of the Amani residents who have participated in this program, and the community partners that have helped support this effort and the neighborhood. I look forward to the continued rejuvenation that lies ahead.

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